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Letter dated 29 February 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Djibouti to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 7 February 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Djibouti to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Secretary-General expressing the Republic of Djibouti's desire to become a member of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (see annex).

(*Signed*) Roble **Olhaye**

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I have the honour to inform you that the Republic of Djibouti wishes to become a member of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Djibouti is party to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, as well as to the 1969 Organization of African Unity Convention governing the specific aspects of refugee problems in Africa.

For 30 years, Djibouti has been a natural haven for refugees from Ethiopia, Eritrea, Somalia and Yemen.

The Republic of Djibouti has worked closely with the country office of the High Commissioner for Refugees to find operational solutions to the problems of refugees.

We believe that our membership in the Executive Committee will contribute to improving the situation of refugees with a view to finding an adequate and sustainable solution.

(*Signed*) Mohamed Siad **Douale**
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Djibouti
to the United Nations Office at Geneva